

THE STATE OF TEXAS



ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Warrant of Authority and Descriptive List

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the bearer Joseph F. Kneitz

is a **SPECIAL RANGER** in the Ranger Force, State of Texas, and this is his Warrant of Authority as a Ranger, under an Act of the 36th Legislature of the State of Texas, Approved March 31st, 1919, and Descriptive List for identification, and will be exhibited as his authority to Act as a Ranger when called upon for his credentials. This warrant must be surrendered to Company Commander by bearer when discharged. This Warrant of Authority and Descriptive List is signed by The Adjutant General under seal of office and attested by Company Commander.

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| Name | <u>Joseph F. Kneitz</u> | Rank | <u>Special Ranger</u> |
| Age | <u>57 years 8 months</u> | Where born | <u>La Grange, Texas</u> |
| Height | <u>5 feet 9$\frac{1}{2}$ inches</u> | Occupation | <u>Peace Officer</u> |
| Weight | <u>168 lbs.</u> | Residence | <u>Corpus Christi, Texas</u> |
| Hair | <u>Light Brown & Gray</u> | Enlisted Where | <u>Austin, Texas</u> |
| Eyes | <u>Blue</u> | Enlisted When | <u>August 23, 1934</u> |
| Complexion | <u>Fair</u> | Enlisted by Whom | <u>Henry Hutchings</u> <u>The Adjutant General</u> |

This warrant of authority is void after August 22, 1935
and must be returned to this Department for Cancellation.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 23

day of August 1934

Attest:

Henry Hutchings
The Adjutant General.

Rev. A. J. Smith
Captain Ranger Force

Commanding Co.

ENLISTMENT, OATH OF SERVICE AND DESCRIPTION RANGER FORCE

Company _____ Ranger Force, Station _____

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of _____ Nueces _____

I, Joseph F. Kneitz., born in Fayette County
in the State of Texas, aged 57 years and 8 months, and by occupation a
Peace Officer do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted this 23 day of
August, 1934, as a private in the Ranger Force of this State, for the period of two
years, unless sooner discharged by proper authority, without compensation. And I do solemnly swear
that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as an officer
of the Ranger Force according to the best of my skill and ability, agreeably to the Constitution and laws
of the United States and of this State, and I do further solemnly swear that since the adoption of the
Constitution of this State, I being a citizen of this State have not fought a duel with deadly weapons,
nor have I acted as second in carrying a challenge, or aided, advised or assisted any person thus offend-
ing. And I furthermore answer that I have not, directly or indirectly, paid, offered or promised to pay,
contributed nor promised to contribute, any money or valuable thing, or promised any public office or
employment, to secure my appointment. So help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 23rd. day of August, A. D. 1934.

Fill in description below.

Cullen W. Briggs
Ex-Officio Notary Public and Justice
of the Peace, Nueces County, Texas

I certify that Joseph F. Kneitz, the above named man, has been carefully examined by me
previous to his enlistment, and to the best of my knowledge and belief he is physically able, competent to
and will faithfully perform the duties incumbent on him in accordance with law. This man is 57
years 8 months of age. Height 5 feet 9½ inches. Complexion fair Eyes blue
light brown & grey
Hair / Born at La Grange County of Fayette State of Texas
Weight 168 Residence 1316 Buford Street, Corpus Christi, Texas.
(watchman or guard)
Occupation Peace Officer / Married or single yes Previous service _____

For sixteen years a peace officer : Bexar County deputy sheriff and
deputy constable, private detective San Antonio, License & weight
inspector ~~1925~~-1926, County Traffic Officer Nueces County, 1931-32
Special Officer under Ben D. Lee- ex-sheriff, guard duty etc.

Remarks: Mr. Kneitz speaks five languages fluently: German, Bohemian,
Polish, Spanish, and English. Served in Spanish Am. & World wars.
During the entire sixteen years that Joseph F. Kneitz has been a
peace officer he has never been known to abuse or mistreat a prisoner
in his charge.

and Bob Wolf, Co. 1st Ranger Force

Cullen W. Briggs
Justice of Peace, Corpus Christi

THE STATE OF TEXAS
SPECIAL

OATH OF MEMBERS
RANGER FORCE

With Honor and Integrity

John David

Name Joseph F. Kneitz *JFK*

Rank ~~Deputy~~ Special Ranger

Company _____, Ranger Force

Station Corpus Christi, Texas

enlisted Aug 23 1934

Discharged January 22, 1935